

Brathwaite-Burke; and famed attorneys Charles Earl Lloyd, and the late Thomas G. Neusom.

All of the honorees have made exemplary contributions to the legal profession as well as to the citizens of Los Angeles and this nation. That is why I am especially proud to publicly commend and recognize each of them before the House today.

Judge Gilbert C. Alston, a graduate of the University of Southern California (USC) Law School, spent his early career working in the Los Angeles District Attorney's office, and in private practice with his law partner H. Ronald Hauptman. He was appointed the first Commissioner of the Pasadena Municipal Court in 1971, and six months later was appointed by then-Governor Ronald Reagan to the Los Angeles Municipal Court. In 1977 Governor Jerry Brown, Jr. agreed to transfer Judge Alston to the Pasadena Judicial District, where he became Pasadena's first African American judge. Judge Alston is perhaps best known in judicial circles for his ruling allowing the use of cameras in the courtroom. Judge Alston was elevated to the Pasadena Superior Court in 1980, a position he held until his retirement.

Judge Dion Morrow, a native Angeleno, graduated from Loyola Law School on June 1, 1957, and was admitted to the California State Bar on December 18, 1957. His early career was spent in private practice with fellow distinguished Los Angeles attorneys Xenophan F. Lang, Robert Hall, James Gordon, and David Cunningham. Judge Morrow joined the Los Angeles City Attorney's office in 1975, serving as Assistant City Attorney and Senior Special Counsel to City Attorney Burton Pines. He was the first African American to hold such a position. He was appointed to the Compton Municipal Court by Governor Brown on October 17, 1975. A little over two years later, he was elevated to the Los Angeles Superior Court, where he spent the next 18 years presiding over complex criminal and civil cases. Dion retired from the bench on October 23, 1995, but continues to serve the legal community as a private arbitrator, mediator, settlement judge and discovery referee. Judge Morrow is past president of the Langston Bar Association.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite-Burke certainly requires little introduction. She has been recognized by *Time* magazine as one of "America's 200 Future Leaders," and was selected "Woman of the Year" by both the *Los Angeles Times* and her alma mater UCLA, which two years ago awarded her its "1996 Alumni of the Year" award. As my predecessor in the California State Assembly and the United States Congress, she is a distinguished public official who has received numerous honors and commendations for an illustrious career spanning more than three decades. Yvonne represented California's then-28th Congressional District from 1972–1976. She is a former member of the University of California Board of Regents, and is currently a member of several boards, including the Los Angeles Coliseum Commission and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, where she has been a forceful and influential advocate for an improved transportation system for Los Angeles residents. Yvonne received her Juris Doctor degree from USC and was admitted to the California State Bar in 1956. She has championed equal opportunity for displaced homemakers, and au-

thored legislation benefitting California's disadvantaged youth, nursing home residents, and orphanages. Yvonne Brathwaite-Burke has earned her place in the Hall of Fame.

Attorney Charles Earl Lloyd received his Juris Doctor degree from USC in 1961 and was admitted to the California State Bar in January 1962. After serving two years as a prosecuting attorney in the Los Angeles City Attorney's office, in 1964 he entered private practice under the firm of Berman, Lloyd and Goldstein. A year later, he became the senior partner in the firm of Lloyd, Bradley (Tom Bradley would go on to serve five consecutive terms as the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles) Burrell, and Nelson. He is recognized as one of the premier criminal attorneys in the nation, and has also represented many entertainers and professional sportsmen, including the entertainer Dr. William (Bill) Cosby; legendary boxer Sonny Liston; and former Houston Oilers lineman Ernie Ladd. Charles was the first African American to serve as a City of Los Angeles Harbor Commissioner. He is an outstanding attorney and a mentor to many young aspiring attorneys throughout the nation.

Thomas G. Neusom, who will be inducted posthumously into the Hall of Fame, was admitted to the California State Bar in 1950 and for a brief time thereafter practiced law with legendary Los Angeles attorneys Crispus A. Wright and Carl A. Earles. Tom served two terms as NAACP president, during which he successfully litigated and won the integration of the Los Angeles Fire Department. He also served as the co-counsel on the suit which led to the integration of the Los Angeles Police Department. He was a lawyer's lawyer—a man of tremendous integrity and a commitment to helping the downtrodden.

Mr. Speaker, please join with me in applauding the excellence of these five distinguished individuals. It is a special honor to highlight just a few of their outstanding accomplishments, and it is with a tremendous sense of pride that I salute and congratulate each of them as they are inducted into the John M. Langston Bar Association Hall of Fame.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 1998

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, September 24, 1998, I was unavoidably detained on official business and missed the following rollcall votes: No. 459 and No. 460.

On rollcall vote No. 459, had I been present I would have voted "no"; on rollcall vote No. 460, had I been present I would have voted "yea."

IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my best wishes to the community of

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish. For more than a century, this parish has served as a spiritual refuge, opening its doors to any soul in search of peace.

In the spring of 1873, led by Father Patrick F. Quigley, the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland established a mission in the village of Brooklyn, Ohio. The community's first mass was held at the local public school, but by 1874, it celebrated the blessing of the cornerstone of its first church, the Sacred Heart of Mary Mission. As the parish flourished, the Cleveland Diocese elevated the community to parochial status in 1894, appointing Father Michael Becker as its first pastor and opening the Sacred Heart of Mary School.

Unfortunately, in 1907, an accident caused a fire that destroyed the church and the school. While rebuilding took place, the parish continued to celebrate mass in the town hall. By August 15, 1909 the new church was finished with a new pastor, Father Luke Rath. During the next eight years, the parish population grew, causing the community to expand their church with a new sister's house, mission house, and portable school buildings to serve 385 students. Father Rath presided over the dedication ceremony, where the community changed its name to Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish.

The current church was dedicated in 1930, a beautiful building which includes a soaring bell tower modeled after that of Sancto Spiritu Church in Florence, Italy. Although it struggled during the Great Depression, the parish maintained a social life, sponsoring a variety of plays, operettas, and card parties. The community also added a bowling alley, a cafeteria, and a new school addition.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring the Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish and its current pastor Father Leroy Moreeuw, CPPS as they celebrate in commemoration of 150 years in service to God. Throughout its long history, the parish has undergone many changes, but the spirit and dedication of its members have remained constant. As the Cleveland Diocese celebrates its sesquicentennial anniversary, Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish remains a beacon of solace and friendship for its members and the residents of Cleveland's Old Brooklyn neighborhood.

TRIBUTE TO EBRI

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 1998

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Employee Benefit Research Institute on their 20th Anniversary. The Employee Benefit Research Institute, or EBRI as it is more commonly known, is the only nonprofit, nonpartisan organization committed to original public policy research and education on economic security and employee benefits. For the last 20 years, they have been instrumental in promoting knowledge and understanding among the media and policymakers of employee benefits. I believe their greatest service has been in advancing the public's understanding of employee benefits and their effect on the nation's economy. Their commitment to disseminating the facts has earned EBRI reown